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Specifically, references to Figs. 5.2.1, 5.2.2 and 5.2.3 are deleted since these figures do not exist; these changes do not constitute new matter because a reference to additional figures is not necessary.

Additionally, we have amended Claim 1 and inserted new Claims 16-27. Claim 1 now recites a portable keyboardless computer comprising, inter alia, an application generator operating in conjunction with an operating system to generate a data collection application and to create libraries relating to the contents and formats displayed by an input/output device. Claim 1 also recites a run-time executor for executing the application and libraries to facilitate data collection operations.

Specifically, the libraries include a sequential library of possible responses that are displayed on the input/output device in selected formats. A consequential library contains actions and executable instructions associated with the possible responses. The entries of this latter library may change the flow of the data collection application by, e.g., introducing an action corresponding to each entry of the library. See pg. 29, line 26 and pg. 30, lines 1-17 of the subject application. In addition, a pictogram library for storing pictograms (i.e., graphical images of objects) and a syntax library for changing the syntax of information displayed by the input/output device are available to

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facilitate data collection by a user.

The application generator also has the capability of cross-referencing responses with a related library to determine, inter alia, if a possible response, and action, are available in that library for execution. See pg. 31, lines 22-26 and pg. 32, lines 1-9 of the subject application. The personalization feature of the present invention allows a user to personalize libraries and display information that are pertinent to that user. See pg. 34, lines 10-22.

Beckes et al. and Smith do not disclose or suggest these elements of the claimed invention. Beckes discloses a touch-sensitive data input device for use with a computer system having a display screen. Smith discloses a portable, self-contained remote access terminal which comprises a matrix display device and a touch screen device having a touch surface which overlies the display device so that the display device can be seen through the touch surface.

Neither of these patents disclose the operations of the computer as claimed in the present invention. For example, there is no teachings in Beckes or Smith of an application generator for generating a data collection application and for creating libraries relating to the contents and formats displayed by the input/output device. Furthermore, there is no teachings in these patents of a run-time executor for executing applications and libraries which facilitate data

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collection operations. Moreover, there are no suggestions in Beckes or Smith of sequential or consequential libraries, cross-referencing or the various other improvements as presently claimed.

Accordingly, the amended and inserted claims define patentably over Beckes and Smith, each considered alone or in combination with each other and any of the other references of record. We therefore respectfully request early examination and favorable consideration of the proposed amendments to the claims and allowance of Claims 1 and 16-27 of this patent application.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Amendment under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

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